

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...morally and economically in attempting to reach that illusory goal through arms alone. He understood that freedom...long term freedom was a matter of economics, primarily. And I think that when the Japanese General attacked our fleet at Pearl Harbor and he said after his great victory, I fear that I have done nothing but awake a sleeping giant, that, he, too, was recognizing that the moral fiber of a people and the economic base that works in conjunction with that moral fiber is far more important to the long term protection of freedom than any arms differential that we are talking about today. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you and I appreciate your speech, but I'm sorry I rang the bell. It was a mistake and forgive me. Senator Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I join the many other voices in support of this resolution. We are making a statement of our desire. We, in several instances, have brought up some past history and in my reading relating to this topic I wonder how many of our American children, as they are studying history, are aware that not only were six million Jews exterminated but four million Soviet prisoners of war were also exterminated. Our country hasn't had that kind of experience. Yes, that would make you fearful as a nation. We need to be helping in this world community to resolve the conflicts, not add fuel to the conflicts which are already present. We need to be brave enough and strong enough to take a step forward to say, we want to work for peace and one of the ways is to lessen the possibility of nuclear conflict. One of the strong nations of the world can start the move. It won't be complete until others join us. But someone has to start and it is not going to be a weak nation which will start. It must be a strong nation. We are a strong nation. We have the ability this year to take this courageous step forward as a nation and Nebraska has the opportunity to make a strong statement by our action for support for LR 88. My vote will be yes. I hope you will seriously consider joining the forces for peace in our wish and push for a loud voice to say, this direction we deliberately choose to go. I do. Will you?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Richard Peterson and then Senator